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MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

COURT RULING POSES SERIOUS THREAT TO RECREATIONAL BOATS

A recent court ruling about pollution being dumped from commercial ship ballast water will also require all recreational boats to get permits by September, 2008—despite the fact that 99% of recreational boats do not have ballast tanks.

Unless Congress acts soon, recreational boaters will need a costly federal or state permit to operate their boat, or risk getting sued by individual citizens or environmental groups, and fined up to \$32,000 a day, for being out of compliance with federal law. It will take an act of Congress to prevent this from becoming a harsh reality. Boaters must tell their Members of Congress to do the right thing and pass legislation to reinstate the 35-year old, permit exemption for recreational boat engine coolant water, deck runoff, and other non-polluting water-based discharges.

Fortunately, there is simple, commonsense legislation in Congress that would solve this problem for recreational boaters. The bipartisan Recreational Boating Act is a simple, easy fix that Congress should pass now. Congressional Boating Caucus Co-Chairs Gene Taylor (D-Miss.) and Candice Miller (R-Mich.) introduced H.R. 2550, the Recreational Boating Act of 2007 in May 2007. It now has the bipartisan support of 71 Members of the House. The Senate version of the bill, S. 2067, was introduced by Senator Mel Martinez (R-Fla.) and now has 12 bipartisan cosponsors.

In September 2007, Senators Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) and Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), publicly pledged to allow boaters and anglers to operate as they always have—without permits.

But with only a few months until the permit deadline, it is now time for Congress to pass legislation to protect recreational boating. The nation's 73 million boaters need to tell their elected U.S. officials—and keep telling them—to pass the Recreational Boating Act TODAY. Get involved to protect boating. Visit www.BoatBlue.org to learn more, and to tell your elected officials to keep boating fun and simple.

SLBYC OPEN MEMBERSHIP

The Seal Beach Yacht Club is currently accepting applications for new memberships. We are located at 255 Marina Drive in Long Beach next to West Marine. Our club is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings & soon to be open Thursday nights for Pop Top races. We have a very active social, cruising, racing and juniors program. We will be holding an Open House brunch and wine tasting on Sunday, March 30th from 10:30am-3:00pm. Please feel free to stop by or contact Rowanda Tucker, Membership chairman at (562) 594-6930.

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Drifting – April 11 - 13
Grand Prix – April 18 - 20
Gay Pride – May 17 - 18
Jazz Festival – August 8 - 10
Long Beach Triathlon – Sept. 21
Long Beach Marathon – Oct. 12
Sea Festival – June - August

2008 TOYOTA GRAND PRIX

It's noise, excitement, racing in the streets, and fun (depending on your point of view). Some downtown boaters prefer to leave town, while others enjoy all the festivities. No matter which group you fall into, you will be impacted.

First, there is Press Day, April 8th. This day allows members of the press to ride the track. Shoreline Drive will be closed from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The entrance to the marina will be from Ocean Blvd., east bound to Shoreline Drive, right on Shoreline Drive, through the Alamitos Lot, then across the

sand road into the marina itself. The track opens occasionally during the day but the best bet into and out of the marina is via the sand.

Second is April 11th – 13th between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. These dates are set aside to exhibit the latest addition to the Grand Prix, Drifting. On these two dates the street closure on Shoreline Drive will be from Ocean Blvd., to Linden and therefore, the only way into and out of the marina will be via Pine Avenue to Shoreline Village Drive.

Our third and final street closure will be on race weekend, April 18th – 20th. Between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. the only access to the marina will be via the sand road (just like press day). After 6:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. entrance to the marina and Shoreline Village will be via Pine Avenue to Shoreline Village Drive.

During race weekend, no vendors or maintenance people will be allowed into the marina. The most important thing for boaters to remember is the parking situation.

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TIDE CHART FOR APRIL 2008



	LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1. Tu	12:40	2.4	1:28	-0.1	6:27	4.6	8:01	4.0
2. W	1:21	1.8	1:56	-0.2	7:15	4.9	8:18	4.5
3. Th	2:00	1.1	2:24	-0.2	7:59	5.1	8:40	5.0
4. F	2:40	0.4	2:52	0.0	8:43	5.1	9:04	5.5
5. Sa	3:21	-0.2	3:21	0.2	9:28	5.0	9:33	5.9
6. Su	4:04	-0.7	3:52	0.6	10:15	4.7	10:05	6.2
7. M	4:51	-1.0	4:24	1.1	11:06	4.2	10:40	6.3
8. Tu	5:42	-1.0	4:58	1.6	12:04	3.7	11:21	6.2
9. W	6:41	-0.9	5:36	2.1	--	--	1:15	3.3
10. Th	7:50	-0.6	6:26	2.5	12:08	5.9	2:54	3.0
11. F	9:13	-0.4	8:02	2.9	1:09	5.4	4:53	3.2
12. Sa	10:37	-0.3	10:20	2.8	2:31	4.9	6:07	3.6
13. Su	11:46	-0.3	11:54	2.3	4:10	4.7	6:49	4.0
14. M	--	--	12:38	-0.3	5:35	4.7	7:22	4.4
15. Tu	12:56	1.7	1:19	-0.1	6:42	4.7	7:50	4.7
16. W	1:44	1.1	1:53	0.1	7:35	4.6	8:16	5.0
17. Th	2:25	0.5	2:21	0.4	8:21	4.5	8:39	5.3
18. F	3:02	0.1	2:46	0.7	9:02	4.4	9:01	5.5
19. Sa	3:36	-0.2	3:09	1.1	9:41	4.1	9:22	5.6
20. Su	4:09	-0.3	3:30	1.4	10:19	3.9	9:44	5.6
21. M	4:42	-0.4	3:51	1.7	10:57	3.6	10:07	5.5
22. Tu	5:17	-0.3	4:11	2.0	11:39	3.4	10:32	5.4
23. W	5:56	-0.2	4:30	2.3	12:28	3.1	11:00	5.2
24. Th	6:42	0.1	4:46	2.6	1:34	2.9	11:33	4.9
25. F	7:38	0.3	--	--	--	--	--	--
26. Sa	8:48	0.5	--	--	12:14	4.6	--	--
27. Su	10:00	0.5	9:01	3.2	1:16	4.3	6:25	3.3
28. M	10:59	0.4	11:08	2.8	2:51	4.1	6:27	3.6
29. Tu	11:45	0.4	--	--	4:28	4.0	6:41	4.0
30. W	12:12	2.2	12:23	0.4	5:44	4.1	7:00	4.5

SAILING FUNDAMENTALS

The Long Beach Flotilla of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 03-03 will be conducting a course titled **Sailing Fundamentals**. This is an 11-week course and begins on March 28, 2008, and will be held on Fridays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. This course is an introduction to sailing that covers boats, sails, crew responsibilities, sail trim, points of sail, and rules of the road under sail, deck safety, man overboard, clothing, and seasickness.

Many insurance companies will offer discounts to individuals who successfully complete this course and individuals who successfully complete the course and exam are awarded certificates.

Classes will be held at the Long Beach Police Station, 5373 E. Second Street, Long Beach, CA 90803.

For more information please contact Bob Vatz at (562) 493-3479.

FROM THE MANAGER



From the Manager

*By Mark Sandoval, Manager
of Marinas and Beaches*

The ice in the bay and on the waterfront is disappearing, spring is around the corner, and the boating season is upon us.

Obviously this is not the case in Southern California, but it does bring to mind that in other parts of the country, that is exactly what is happening. Along with the official start of the boating season come the official openings of the yacht clubs. In Long Beach, we are very fortunate to have six functioning yacht clubs in our marinas. I have always been an advocate for yacht clubs, as I view yacht clubs as a necessary partner in any successful large marina operation.

If you are not aware, we have the Shoreline Yacht Club in the Shoreline Marina, and in Alamitos Bay, we have the Long Beach Yacht Club, the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, the Seal Beach Yacht Club, the Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach and the Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club. If you are not already a member of one (or more) of these yacht clubs, I highly recommend that you consider joining one. The social and educational opportunities afforded by these clubs can do nothing but make your boating experience more enjoyable, which in turn keeps you interested in boating (and a paying customer for the City). Call a marina office if you need yacht club contact information.

As it is March, we are heavily involved in the planning for the big events that occur annually around the marinas. As I have indicated in the past, we recognize that there is an impact to our customers, particularly in the Downtown Marinas, and we do all we can to minimize the inconvenience and to communicate the impacts. We have included the dates of the big events in this newsletter. If you have any suggestions as to how to make them run smoother for marina customers (other than get rid of them altogether) please give me a call. I was asked by a customer to remind everyone that the public docks in the downtown area, by Parker's and Yardhouse, cannot be used (except for pumpouts) during the Grand Prix weekend.

On the Alamitos Bay Marina rebuild front, we have identified a contractor for the project and we should have a contract in place in a month or so. We are moving through the permitting process, and once we have a Coastal Permit, will be up and running. I anticipate that we will be in the water rebuilding Basin 4 by late fall, and completed in Basin 4 and moving on to Basin 1 by late spring 2009. I appreciate everyone's patience, and recognize that the rebuild is critical, particularly when we have incidents like one recently where an individual jumped from a vessel onto the dock, and went right through the dock. Until we get these docks replaced, please take care when jumping onto the docks.

On a housekeeping note, it is against marina regulations to put any promotional or advertising material on our customers' vessels. Normally, when this occurs we note it very quickly and call the vendor advising them of our rules. That advisory includes a threat that the vendor could be subject to a civil judgment if the advertisement damages a vessel, which usually does the trick. However, do not hesitate to contact a marina office if you see flyers or other advertisements on your vessel.

As always, happy and healthy boating.

Mark A. Sandoval

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NO GUEST PASSES of any kind will be issued. Only Long Beach Shoreline Marina parking passes will be honored during the event. If you have friends coming to visit, you need to make plans to bring them into the marina with you or they must walk down. Shoreline Village will be closed from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to anyone without Grand Prix tickets.

Parking is difficult at best and very impacted during this event, so, the best suggestion is to plan ahead. We appreciate everyone's cooperation during this time. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Kimarie Vestre at (562) 570-3236.